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*Sunday Reflection.....*

*Jesus appears to his disciples and gives them the gift of the Holy Spirit (John 20:19-23).*

The Season of Easter concludes with today's celebration, the Feast of Pentecost. On Pentecost we celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles gathered in the upper room in Jerusalem; this event marks the beginning of the Church. The story of Pentecost is found in the Acts of the Apostles, today's first reading. The account in today's Gospel, John 20:19-23, also recounts how Jesus gave the gift of the Holy Spirit to his disciples. Yet the event in John's Gospel takes place on Easter Sunday. There is no need to try to reconcile these two accounts. It is enough that we know that after his death, Jesus fulfilled his promise to send to his disciples a helper, an advocate, who would enable them to be his witnesses throughout the world.



We already heard today's Gospel proclaimed on the Second Sunday of Easter this year (Lectionary Cycle A). That Gospel passage, however, also included the description of Jesus' appearance to Thomas. In that context, we were led reflect on belief and unbelief.

In the context of the Feast of Pentecost, John 20:19-23 reminds us about the integral connection between the gifts of peace and forgiveness and the action of the Holy Spirit. Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace. Jesus then commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun, "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." He breathes the Holy Spirit upon the disciples and sends them to continue his work of reconciliation through the forgiveness of sins. Jesus' act of breathing the Holy Spirit mirrors God's act of breathing life into Adam at the time of Creation. In fact, both the Greek and Hebrew words for "spirit" can also be translated as "breath."

This Gospel reminds us that the Church is called to be a reconciling presence in the world. The reconciling presence of Christ is celebrated in the Church's sacramental life. In the Sacrament of Baptism, we are cleansed of sin and become a new creation in Christ. In the Sacrament of Penance, the Church celebrates the mercy of God through the forgiving of sins. This reconciling presence is also to be a way of life for Christians. In situations of conflict, we are to be agents of peace and harmony among people.

**Mass Intentions**  
FOR THE WEEK

**May 29<sup>th</sup>—June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup>**

No Mass

**Tuesday, May 30<sup>th</sup>**

7:00pm—Pro Populo

**Wednesday, May 31<sup>st</sup>**

(Multiple Intentions)

7:00pm—Pro Populo

**Thursday, June 1<sup>st</sup>**

7:00pm—Pro Populo

**Friday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>**

7:00pm—Pro Populo

**Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>**

5:00pm—Pro Populo

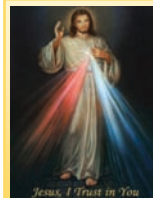
**Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup>**

10:00am— Community of  
Our Lady of Assumption  
Raul and Lea Sales

12:00Noon—Pro Populo

5:00pm (Tagalog)—Pro Populo

7:00pm —Pro Populo



Let us pray!

For those who are sick members of our parish and those who love and minister to them.



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**HOLY HOUR with Jesus**

Thursday , June 1st, 2023

after the 7:00pm Mass

"Praying for the sick"



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**Offertory Collection**

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**RAMPS REPAIRS UPDATE:**

The chancery office and the Finance committee have approved the removing of the existing none code concrete steps and ramps around the church and put new stairs as they do not meet the Ontario Building Code Standards or AODA standards. The estimate quote for this project is \$278,432 (including tax and 10% contingency). These repairs might start in early summer.

*Please ask Our Lady to help us finance these repairs!*

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*Did you move? Are you moving soon? Did your phone number change? Are you new to the parish and not registered? Do you have any changes in your family status? Are you newlywed planning to remain in the parish?*

If you answer **YES** to any of these questions, please call the parish office (416-787-4547) and help us update our records. Often mail is returned to us because of an incorrect address or we could not communicate because of incorrect telephone number.

Also, be sure to use your envelopes so that we can give you proper credit for your participation and financial support. This is important for year end income tax preparation and also so that we can provide you with a letter of recommendation if you are asked to be sponsor.

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*Saturday, August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023*



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